

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for presenting system services comprising the steps of:
establishing a plurality of system service profiles;
detecting a request for the presentation of system services;
determining one of said system service profiles associated with said request; and
listing at least one system service in accordance with a system service profile.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ascertaining a user identity associated with said request, wherein said determination of said system service profile is based at least in part upon said ascertained user identity.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of ascertaining a server identity that provides said system services, wherein said determination of said system service profile is based at least in part upon said ascertained server identity.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
categorizing said system services; and
displaying at least a portion of said system services within said graphical user interface according to said categories.
5. The method of claim 4, said categorizing step further comprising the step of:
categorizing services according to servers that provide said services.
6. The method of claim 1, said establishing step further comprising the step of:
providing a system services configuration interface so that authorized users can modify at least one system service profile.
7. The method of claim 6, said providing step further comprising the steps of:
providing a series of views to perform a task relating to at least one system service profile in a step-wise fashion, whereby said series of views represent a system

service profile configuration wizard.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the system services are Microsoft (TM) system services that execute within a Microsoft (TM) type operating system.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said system services are presented within a graphical user interface included within the Microsoft Configuration Utility (TM).

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said system services profiles are integrated with the directory services of an operating system handling said system services.

11. A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

- establishing a plurality of system service profiles;
- detecting a request for the presentation of system services;
- determining one of said system service profiles associated with said request; and
- listing at least one system service in accordance with a system service profile.

12. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising the step of ascertaining a user identity associated with said request, wherein said determination of said system service profile is based at least in part upon said ascertained user identity.

13. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising the step of ascertaining a server identity that provides said system services, wherein said determination of said system service profile is based at least in part upon said ascertained server identity.

14. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

- categorizing said system services; and
- displaying at least a portion of said system services within said graphical user

interface according to said categories.

15. The machine-readable storage of claim 14, said categorizing step further comprising the step of:

categorizing services according to servers that provide said services.

16. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, said establishing step further comprising the step of:

providing a system services configuration interface so that authorized users can modify at least one system service profile.

17. The machine-readable storage of claim 16, said providing step further comprising the steps of:

providing a series of views to perform a task relating to at least one system service profile in a step-wise fashion, whereby said series of views represent a system service profile configuration wizard.

18. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, wherein the system services are Microsoft (TM) system services that execute within a Microsoft Windows(TM) type operating system.

19. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, wherein said system services are presented within a graphical user interface included within the Microsoft Configuration Utility (TM).

20. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, wherein said system services profiles are integrated with the directory services of an operating system handling said system services.

21. A system for presenting system services comprising:
means for establishing a plurality of system service profiles;

means for detecting a request for the presentation of system services;

means for determining one of said system service profiles associated with said request; and

means for listing within a graphical user interface at least one system service in accordance with a system service profile.

22. A system for administrating operating system services comprising:

a services view configured to graphically display a plurality of operating system services;

means for limiting said services displayed within said services view to a subset of currently executing services based on at least one of a user identity and a server identity; and

a profile management interface configured to permit an authorized user to customize said limiting means.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein said limiting means is a software plug-in for a Microsoft Windows (TM) type operating system.

24. The system of claim 22, wherein said operating system services are Microsoft Windows (TM) type services, and wherein said limiting means is disposed within a directory services computing space.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein said directory services computing space includes at least one of a Microsoft Active Directory (TM) compatible space and a Novell Directory Services (TM) compatible space.

26. The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for ordering the display of said services according to a plurality of categories for said services.